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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Now that we are entering a new decade, we wish all of you happy carving in 1980 and in many years to come.

## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. The program will be primarily a "Show and Tell" evening. So please bring some carvings and tell us about your accomplishments and problems.

We have a pleasant surprise for you! We have been invited by the Ontario Community Centre for the Deaf to hold our meeting in their new building. As we said in our November newsletter, the Centre for the Deaf has a beautiful new building on Bayview Avenue in North York, with excellent meeting rooms and other facilities. We are very pleased to be invited to hold our next meeting there. So come and see the new building, including the craft shop where our relief carving project will be carried on.

## LOCATION AND TRANSPORTATION

The Centre for the Deaf is on the east side of Bayview Avenue, north of Lawrence Avenue and Sunnybrook Hospital and south of Post Road. It is almost across the street from the Granite Club.

There is a good parking lot at the Centre. For anyone coming to the meeting via Highway 401, exit at Bayview Avenue and drive south.

For anyone coming by public transportation, take Bayview Bus No. 11 from the Lawrence Avenue Subway Station (not the Eglinton Station). The buses leave the station every 18 minutes up to 8:21 p.m. and every 30 minutes thereafter. The buses proceed east on Lawrence to Bayview and then north to Sheppard. There is a bus stop right at the Centre for the Deaf. The buses turn at Sheppard and follow the same route back to the Lawrence Subway Station. Late in the evening on their return runs, the buses arrive at the stop at

the Centre for the Deaf just after the hour and half-hour.

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Mr. Harry O. Powell,  
Apt. 103,  
St. Joseph's Villa,  
56 Governor's Road,  
Dundas, Ontario,  
L9H 5G7

Mr. Wayne C. Salt  
2263 Kipling Ave.,  
Rexdale, Ontario  
M9W 4L5

Dr. D. James O'Brien,  
33 Aylesbury Rd.,  
Islington, Ontario,  
M9A 3M3

Mr. Robert E. Moon,  
R.R. #4,  
Tottenham, Ontario  
L0G 1W0

Mr. Douglas C. Robertson,  
4122 Glenayr Ave.,  
Niagara Falls, Ontario,  
L2E 6J9

Mr. Joe C. Coutts,  
3007 W. 7th Ave.,  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V6J 1Z7

Mr. William E. Park,  
R.R. #1,  
King City, Ontario  
L0G 1K0

Mr. Robert W. Hart.  
169 Seminole Road,  
Ancaster, Ontario  
L9G 1X7

Mr. William F. Leishman,  
111 Lascelles Blvd.,  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5P 2E5

Mrs. Linda M. Byrne,  
1785 Attawandaron Road,  
London, Ontario,  
N6G 3M9

Miss Joan P. Pickford,  
78 Hillcrest Ave.,  
Willowdale, North York, Ontario  
M2N 3N7

Mr. Frederick D. Sass,  
P.O. Box 760  
Campbellford, Ontario  
K0L 1L0

Mr. Alexander G. Hogg,  
R.R. #1,  
Warkworth, Ontario  
K0K 3K0

Mr. Jack D. Lyon,  
15 Kingswell Crescent,  
Scarborough, Ontario  
M1L 3E2

We regret that Mr. John A. Hordyk's name was misspelled in our November newsletter.

## LIST OF MEMBERS

An updated list of members is now in preparation, of which we plan to send copies to all members with our February newsletter. We now have about 170 members for the 1979/1980 season compared with 139 members for the 1978/1979 season.

Our main reason for distributing this list is to let our members know about other members in the different centres around Ontario. It is our hope that members will get in touch with other members and that local groups will begin to develop in various towns and cities.

## CARVING PROJECT FOR CENTRE FOR THE DEAF

By the time of our meeting on January 21, the carving project for the Centre for the Deaf, which we described in our November newsletter, should be under way. Joe Dampf, who is in charge of the project, has been making arrangements for the wood, etc. He already has about 20 volunteers to work on the carving. However, he would be pleased to receive additional names. He may be contacted at 416-444-6837, 66 Langbourne Place, Don Mills, Ontario, M3B 1A9.

We are very pleased with the way that this project is developing.

## TEACHING WOOD CARVING

Several of the deaf persons at the Centre for the Deaf are interested in learning wood carving. A craft shop in the Centre is in the early stages of being set up. When it is ready, there will be an opportunity for our members to provide an interesting and useful service to our deaf friends on a volunteer basis. If you are interested, please let Joe Dampf know.

## OUR TRAVELLING EXHIBITION

Since late in April, 1979, carvings made by members of the OWCA have formed an exhibition that has been travelling from branch to branch in the North York Library System, being on display for about two months in each branch. On January 5, 1980, the exhibits were moved from Yorkdale Branch to the York Woods Branch (on Finch Avenue West of Keele Street), where they will be on display until early in March.

After the display at the York Woods Branch of the North York Library System, the carvings will be moved to a branch in the Toronto Library System and will then be displayed in a series of branches in that system. In a later newsletter, we will include a schedule of these branches and dates.

Much interest has been shown by the public and by wood carvers in these displays, particularly while the carvings were in the branch at the Yorkdale Shopping Centre. The displays have given excellent publicity to our association and to wood carving in general. Names and telephone numbers of individual carvers are included in the displays. If you would like to

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include one or two carvings, please get in touch with Joe Dampf, whose address and telephone number are given above. He would like to include more and different carvings.

Although we said the carvings travel from branch to branch which would give the impression that they move about on their own, actually there is work involved, so Joe would appreciate help when the carvings are moved from one branch to another.

#### SOUTHTOWNS WOOD CARVERS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

This organization will be holding a wood carving exhibition on a weekend early in May, 1980, in Hamburg, N.Y. The exhibition which will be open to the public is non-competitive and for display only. No fee is charged for exhibitors. Perhaps some of our members would like to form groups and drive over with some of their carvings. We will have more specific details later. In the meantime, we would like to receive comments.

#### DEFT WOOD FINISHES

In our November newsletter, we remarked that many carvers in the United States use Deft wood finishing products and added that we would like to know where they can be obtained in Ontario. One of our members, Dr. James O'Brien, kindly brought information to our November meeting.

Deft products are manufactured in California and Ohio and are imported into Canada by National Painter Products, 69 Torbarrie Road, Downsview, Ontario, M3L 1G5, 416-245-3377. This company sells to distributors who in turn sell to retailers. Three retail outlets that we have heard of are as follows:

- (1) Bain Paints and Wall Papers, Ltd.,  
1068 Danforth Ave.,  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4J 1M2  
416-463-3888
- (2) Carl's Picture Framing,  
1500 Islington Ave.,  
Islington, Ontario  
M9A 3L8  
416-233-0743
- (3) Fiddlestix, Ltd.,  
(Mr. R. Wild)  
254 Adelaide St.,  
Strathroy, Ontario,  
N7G 2V8  
519-245-1342

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We are trying to get the names of other retail outlets. Mr. L.J. Tangerman, Vice-President of the National Wood Carvers Association, wrote to us recently and said that there are several Deft finishes, some of which are more glossy than others. So we would be interested in learning about your experiences with the various Deft products.